IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claim 1 (Currently amended). A level for installing a jamb comprising:

a horizontal component disposable on a horizontal side of a jamb, comprising:

a first overlying member comprising a first terminal end opposite to a second terminal end;

a second overlying member comprising a first terminal end opposite to a second terminal end; and

an adjustor means comprising a first terminal end opposite to a second terminal end;

wherein the first terminal end of the adjustor means is slidably engaged with the second terminal end of the first overlying member and the second terminal end of the adjustor means is slidably engaged with the first terminal end of the second overlying member such that a length of the horizontal component is adjustable;

a first vertical component attachable to a first vertical side of the jamb, comprising a first terminal end opposite to a second terminal end, wherein the first terminal end of the first vertical component is joined to the first terminal end of the first overlying member; ~~and~~

a second vertical component attachable to a second vertical side of the jamb, comprising a first terminal end opposite to a second terminal end, wherein the first terminal end of the second vertical component is joined to the second terminal end of the second overlying member; and

a leveling means disposed onto a surface of at least one of the first vertical component and the second vertical component, wherein the leveling means comprises a slotted assembly comprising:

a tab comprising:

a body having a length that extends transversely across and over the surface of the vertical component such that the tab protrudes over the respective vertical side of the jamb; and

a slot extending along a portion of the length of the body; and

an adjustor element slidably engaged with the slot, wherein the adjustor element can be loosened to allow the tab to be slidably moved across the vertical component, the vertical side of the jamb, and across an adjacent area of a wall to which the jamb is installed, and further wherein the adjustor element can be tightened to hold the level in position;

wherein the level squares, levels, and plumbs the jamb.

Claim 2 (Cancelled).

Claim 3 (Currently amended). The level of Claim 12, wherein the leveling means comprises at least one of an earmark, a slotted assembly, and a level indicator.

Claim 4 (Cancelled).

Claim 5 (Previously amended). The level of Claim 1, further comprising an attachment screw born through a surface of at least one of the first vertical component and the second vertical component and through at least a portion of the respectively abutting vertical side of the jamb.

Claim 6 (Cancelled).

Claim 7 (Previously amended). The level of Claim 1, wherein:

each of the first and second overlying members comprises an adjustment slot located on an undersurface of the first and second overlying members; and

the adjustor means comprises a first receiver and a second receiver, wherein the first receiver is located on an undersurface of the adjustor means located towards the first terminal end of the adjustor means, and the second receiver is located on the undersurface of the adjustor means located towards the second terminal end of the adjustor means;

wherein the adjustment slot of the first overlying member is aligned with the first receiver and the adjustment slot of the second overlying member is aligned with the second receiver;

and further wherein, the level further comprises:

a first knob fitted through the adjustment slot of the first overlying member and received by the first receiver; and

a second knob fitted through the adjustment slot of the second overlying member and is received by the second receiver, wherein the first knob and the second knob adjustably fix the length of the horizontal component.

Claim 8 (Cancelled).

Claim 9 (Previously amended). The level of Claim 1, wherein at least one of the first overlying member and the second overlying member comprises a handle.

Claim 10 (Currently amended). An assembly comprising:

a jamb, wherein the jamb comprises:

a top horizontal side comprising a first terminal end and a second terminal end; and

a first vertical side opposite to a second vertical side, wherein the first vertical side is joined to the first terminal end and the second vertical side is joined to the second terminal end;

a first level comprising:

a first horizontal component abutting the top horizontal side of the jamb;

a first vertical component abutting the first vertical side of the jamb; and

a second vertical component abutting the second vertical side of the jamb;

wherein the first and second vertical components are connected at 90 degree angles to the first horizontal component;

a second level comprising:

a second horizontal component located at a bottom surface of the jamb opposite to the top horizontal side of the jamb;

a third vertical component abutting the first vertical side of the jamb; and

a fourth vertical component abutting the second vertical side of the jamb;

wherein the third and fourth vertical components are connected at 90 degree angles to the second horizontal component; and further wherein each of the first and second horizontal components comprises:

a first overlying member comprising a first terminal end opposite to a second terminal end;

a second overlying member comprising a first terminal end opposite to a second terminal end; and

an adjustor means comprising a first terminal end opposite to a second terminal end;

wherein the first terminal end of the adjustor means is slidably engaged with the second terminal end of the first overlying member and the second terminal end of the adjustor means is slidably engaged with the first terminal end of the second

overlying member such that a length of the first and second horizontal components is adjustable; and

a slotted assembly positioned on at least one of the first, second, third, and fourth vertical components, wherein the slotted assembly comprises:

a tab comprising:

a body having a length that extends transversely across and over a surface of the vertical component such that the tab protrudes over the respective abutting vertical side of the jamb; and

a slot extending along a portion of the length of the body; and

an adjustor element slidably engaged with the slot, wherein the adjustor element can be loosened to allow the tab to be slidably moved across the vertical component, the vertical side of the jamb, and across an adjacent area of a wall to which the jamb is installed, and further wherein the adjustor element can be tightened to hold the level in position on the jamb.

Claim 11 (Previously amended). The assembly of Claim 10, wherein at least one of the first vertical component, the second vertical component, the third vertical component, and the fourth vertical component of the respective first level and second level further comprises an earmark and a level indicator disposed on a surface of the respective vertical component(s).

Claims 12 and 13 (Cancelled).

Claim 14 (Previously amended). The assembly of Claim 10, wherein at least one of the first vertical component, the second vertical component, the third vertical component, and the fourth vertical component of the respective first level and second level further comprises an attachment screw bored through the respective vertical component, wherein the attachment screw also bores through the respective first and second vertical sides of the jamb.

Claim 15 (Cancelled).

Claim 16 (Previously amended). The assembly of Claim 10, wherein

each of the first and second overlying members of the first and second horizontal components further comprises an adjustment slot located on the undersurface of the first and second overlying members; and

the adjustor means comprises a first receiver and a second receiver, wherein the first receiver is located on an undersurface of the adjustor means located towards the first terminal end of the adjustor means, and the second receiver is located on the undersurface of the adjustor means located towards the second terminal end of the adjustor means; wherein the adjustment slot of the second overlying member is aligned with the second receiver;

and further wherein, the level further comprises:

a first knob fitted through the adjustment slot of the first overlying member and received by the first receiver, and a second knob fitted through the adjustment slot of the second overlying member and received by the second receiver, wherein the first knob and the second knob adjustably fix the length of the horizontal component.

Claims 17-18 (Cancelled).

Claim 19 (Currently amended). The level of Claim 41, further comprising a securing element disposed in the slot of the adjustor element, wherein the securing element bores through thea wall to which the level and jamb are mounted to further secure the level and the jamb to the wall.

Claim 20 (Currently amended). The level of Claim 10, further comprising a securing element disposed in the slot of the adjustor element, wherein the securing element bores through thea wall to which the level and jamb are mounted to further secure the level and the jamb to the wall.

Claim 21 (Previously added). A level for use on a jamb, comprising:

a mounting means for mounting the level on the jamb prior to installation of the jamb to a wall, wherein the means comprises:

a horizontal component comprising an adjustable length such that the level can be mounted to different sized jambs; and

a slotted assembly located on at least one of two vertical components of the level, wherein the slotted assembly secures the level to the jamb, and allows for a continuous adjustment of the jamb after the jamb is installed to the wall, wherein the continuous adjustment occurs until the jamb is level and plumb with the wall.

Claim 22 (Previously added). The level of Claim 21, wherein the slotted assembly comprises:

a tab comprising:

a body having a length that extends transversely across and over a surface of the vertical component such that the tab protrudes over a vertical side of the jamb; and

a slot extending along a portion of the length of the body; and

an adjustor element slidably engaged with the slot, wherein the adjustor element can be loosened to allow the tab to be slidably moved across the vertical component, the vertical side of the jamb, and across an adjacent area of the wall to which the jamb is installed, and further wherein the adjustor element can be tightened to hold the level in position.

Claim 23 (Currently amended). The level of Claim 21, wherein the horizontal component comprises:

a first overlying member comprising a first terminal end opposite to a second terminal end;

a second overlying member comprising a first terminal end opposite to a second terminal end; and

an adjustor means comprising a first terminal end opposite to a second terminal end;

wherein the first terminal end of the adjustor means is slidably engaged with the second terminal end of the first overlying member and the second terminal end of the adjustor means is slidably engaged with the first terminal end of the second overlying member.